

## SOMERSET COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
Number of Farms	345	314	301
Average Size (acres)	161	180	188
Land in Farms (acres)	55,657	56,424	56,650
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
Cattle	2,276	1,916	2,366
Hogs	7,222	2,082	65
Sheep	2	2	2
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> <sup>1</sup>			
All Products (\$1,000)			127,277
Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)			118,089
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			6,166
Vegetables (\$1,000)			1,668
<i>Demographic Data</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
Average Age of Operator	53.3	54.3	55.1
Percent Female Operators	11.0	11.8	15.6
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
Number of Equine Places			80
Equine Inventory			280
Value of Equine Inventory			\$800,000

<i>Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002<sup>1</sup></i>			
Corn for Grain	13	Soybeans	10
Barley	17	Vegetables	16
Forage	21	Wheat	13

<i>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002<sup>1</sup></i>			
Beef Cattle	15	Milk Cows	21
Broilers	3	Sheep	23
Hogs	21		

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Revised.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2002	13,200	66.7	880,800
	2003	12,700	135.8	1,724,200
	2004	14,800	155.2	2,296,300
Corn for Silage (tons)	2002	*	*	*
	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
Soybeans (bushels)	2002	18,900	26.0	491,000
	2003	18,600	42.4	789,400
	2004	18,700	42.9	801,900
Wheat (bushels)	2002	4,900	66.0	323,600
	2003	3,900	43.6	170,000
	2004	4,700	66.0	310,382
Hay (tons)	2002	1,400	2.4	3,300
	2003	1,200	2.1	2,500
	2004	1,400	2.7	3,800
Barley (bushels)	2002	*	*	*
	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*

\* Acreage too small to publish.

	2002	2003	2004
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$66.85	\$61.46	\$70.16

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